

## December 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 The First Sunday of Advent

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<b>Sat 30th</b> Bourne Bourne	9.00am 9.30am 10.30 – 11.30am  6.00 pm	<b>No Mass or Confessions this morning</b>  Christmas Fair  Vigil Mass of the <b>First Sunday of Advent - HOPE</b>	Protection of the Unborn  People of the Parish
<b>Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Dec</b> Bourne Deeping	8.45am 10.30am	<b>First Sunday of Advent - HOPE</b> Sunday Mass Sunday Mass	Angela Bincat RIP  Holy Souls
<b>Mon 2nd Bourne</b>	9.00am 9.30am	The Rosary Mass: <b>Feria</b>	Lionel Hayward RIP
<b>Tues 3rd Bourne</b>	9.00am 9.30am	The Rosary Mass: <b>St Francis Xavier</b>	Bridget Roberts RIP
<b>Wed 4th Deeping</b>	9.30 – 10.15am 10.30am	Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass: <b>Feria</b>	Living & dec'd members of the Mutton family
<b>Thurs 5th Bourne</b>	9.30am 10.00am  10.45-11.45 am	The Rosary Mass: <b>Feria</b>  Exposition and Sacrament of Reconciliation	The sick & the dying
<b>Fri 6th Deeping Bourne</b>	9.30am 10.00 am  2:15-3.30pm	The Rosary Mass: <b>St Nicholas</b>  Flame of Love rosary and chaplet	The Holy Souls
<b>Sat 7th Bourne Bourne</b>	9.00am 9.30am 10.30- 11.30pm  6.00 pm	The Rosary Mass  Sacrament of Reconciliation  Vigil Mass of the <b>Second Sunday of Advent – PEACE</b>	Protection of the unborn  Zygimantas & Augustina

## BOURNE & DEEPINGS CATHOLIC PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Image source: St Joseph's Catholic church

**The Prophet's Candle**  
symbolising our Hope in the coming of Christ

Our nearest Catholic School

St. Augustine's Catholic Voluntary Academy. Tel: 01780 762094

Email: [enquiries@st-augustine.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@st-augustine.lincs.sch.uk)

Website: [www.st-augustine.lincs.sch.uk](http://www.st-augustine.lincs.sch.uk)

### **Please pray for all our sick**

Danielle Heath, Yvonne D'Cruz, Ruth Tibbs, Lorena Zalyte, Vivien Robinson, Molly McDermott, Bernard Westwood, Philip Constantine, Sarah McDermott, Toni King, Julie Wolfarth, Caroline Pope, Therese Greville, Odessa Lodge, Bobby Kane, Maria Berry, Rose Starkey, Audrey Hazeldine, Grace Gamble, Coryn Nixon, Bernie Emery, Searle Clark, Anne Watson, Jo Tarpey, Gill Krender, Maria, Josie Gentry, Margaret Kline, Chris, Adrian Howarth, Gregory Elliott, Mr Thomas, Sylvia Fleming, Mandy Azzopardi, Norman Stewart, Cheryl Nuthall, Matthew Gallagher, James, Peter McKenzie, Tony Miles, Grace Kendrick, Catherine Farndell, Nadia O'Brien, Catherine Dooley, Susan Pullen and Pam Manville.

*If you would like someone else's name included on the sick list and have received their permission, then please email Fr Paul.*

### **Finance:**

Last Sunday's collection: £395, 100 Club subs: £144

**Second Collection:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> Dec. Poor and Needy Parishes.

### **Christmas Flower collections – Next Weekend**

There will be collections for flowers to decorate Bourne and Deeping Churches for Christmas the weekend of 7<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> **December**.

### **Opening the Church in Deeping during Advent**

The church in Deeping will be open on Tuesday mornings from 10am, for private prayer, quiet reflection and general visits. This will start next week on **Tuesday 26th November** and continue until Christmas Eve.

Please take the opportunity to spend a little extra time in church during this special season of the year. If you could also pass on the message to others who may not read this newsletter that would be greatly appreciated, whether they are parishioners or not.

If you have a couple of hours to spare to look after the church at any other time when it is not already open for mass, so that others can visit, please consider doing so. You never know someone may just step inside, maybe out of curiosity and find themselves making a first tentative step to a life within the church. If you can help, please speak to Mark Currier.

### **First Holy Communion**

Children's First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion classes continue at 6pm on Thursday at Bourne. Please keep them in your prayers

### **Email address for the newsletter.**

The email address for Newsletter additions is [bdrcpweb@gmail.com](mailto:bdrcpweb@gmail.com)

Please forward what you would like to be included by **Wednesday**.

Thank you.

**Facebook:** Bourne and Deeping Roman Catholic Parish

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100093409421877>

**Website:** [www.bourneanddeepingrc.org.uk](http://www.bourneanddeepingrc.org.uk)

Additions for website to [bdrcpweb@gmail.com](mailto:bdrcpweb@gmail.com)

### **Volunteers needed for a maintenance person at each church.**

You don't have to be able to do the work yourself just contact trades people to get any necessary work done. Guidance will be given.

We would also like any recommendations for trusted tradespeople at both ends of the parish.

Please contact Gill Mcilhagga (Bourne) or Mark Currier (Deeping).

### **Volunteers needed for After Mass coffee at Bourne**

As a popular means of meeting up with our fellow parishioners, the refreshments after mass play a key role.

However, we would appreciate 2/3 more people to come forward to help with serving. This is not an onerous task, we would hope to have a rota of between 6/8 weeks.

If you would be happy to make tea/coffee occasionally, please contact Terry on 07912624313. She will be making the new rota in a couple of weeks and would love to see your name there.

### **On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December all Young Adults**

are invited to Sacred Heart church, Leicester, for Carols, Vespers, Mince Pie, and Mulled Wine with Bishop Patrick. The evening starts at 7.00pm, but please join us from 5:45pm for the Rosary and Mass. We look forward to seeing you! If you would like to support the evening, please contact

[charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham](mailto:charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham).

### **Donations through website**

Please note that the donation facility through our website is currently unavailable as the Dioceses are changing collection providers from PAYA to Stripe. We will let you know when it is up and running again.

## **Our Blessed Mother's Message from Medjugorje November 25<sup>th</sup> 2024**

"Dear children! In this time of the grace of expectation, I desire to call you to prayer for Advent to be **prayer of the family**. In a special way, little children whom I tenderly embrace, I encourage you to prayer for peace in the world; for peace to prevail over peacelessness and hatred. Thank you for having responded to my call. "

### **A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer.**

A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, for the First Sunday of Advent: The world is divided in two: those people who do not give thanks and those who do; those who take everything as if it is owed them, and those who welcome everything as a gift, as grace. The prayer of thanksgiving always begins from here: from the recognition that grace precedes us.

### **Christmas Cupcake Workshop.**

Come and enjoy an evening full of festive fun decorating cupcakes, you don't need to be an expert cake decorator as a professional baker will be on hand to guide you. Everything will be provided including cupcakes to decorate, all the decorations, icing and buttercream and boxes to take them home in and much more. In addition to this A Hot Chocolate Station and nibbles will be included. Please come along to help kick start the festive season on Monday 16th December at 6.45pm at Our Lady of Lincoln and St Guthlacs Church, Hereward Way. The cost for all of this will be £35pp. If you are interested, please call Carol Cooper on 078906740

### **Christmas Carol Concert**

This year the Christmas carol concert will take place on Thursday the **19<sup>th</sup> of December** at Bourne. Start time to be confirmed. Volunteers for readings or singing are needed. Please support this popular event.

Bourne choir will be rehearsing for the event on Wednesday evenings at 6pm. All welcome

### **Churches together in Deeping - events coming up**

The churches together have a stall at the Christmas Market in central Deeping on **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December**, please come along and support. Volunteers are needed to help with the stall, and we are appealing for carol singers to come and join the carol service at 13.40pm lasting about 20mins.

If you can help in any way, please contact Kay Martin 07964544693

Wine tasting, nibbles and Quiz event at the Green School (opposite St Guthlacs Church Market Deeping) on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December** 7.30-9pm Tickets £12 from Julie Bacon [nandjbacon@btinternet.com](mailto:nandjbacon@btinternet.com)

### **Can you help?**

A Partially sighted, elderly lady, in our parish is looking for a **set of Rosary beads** with large beads and also **small crib** to go on her mantelpiece to show her grandchildren. Please let Fr Paul know.

### **School admissions to Catholic Primary Academies**

**Reception class** -children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021. The deadline for submitting applications for a school place is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Application forms are available on 'home' Local Authority websites. For every Catholic school application where a child is to be considered and ranked under a faith criterion there should also be a supplementary information form, completed and returned to the school by the deadline; these forms are available from the LA and the school. Applicants must also include the supporting evidence as required with this form, e.g. baptism certificate (photocopies acceptable; contact the parish of baptism for a copy if needed, in good time). Failure to supply the required supporting evidence will mean the child is ranked in a lower criterion, which may affect chances of a place

### **Is God calling me to be a priest?**

Do you feel that God might be calling you to the priesthood? If so, please contact Father Neil Peoples, Vocations Director, at [vocations@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:vocations@dioceseofnottingham.uk) to book a place at the next discernment meeting, taking place in Cathedral House, Nottingham, NG1 5AE after 10.00am Mass on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December**.



## 100 Club Annual report for 2023-2024

137 Total Numbers sold in the year	
135 Numbers purchased @ £24 per number	£3240
2 Numbers sold @£22 per number	£44
Total amount of money taken for Numbers purchased for the year	£3284
60% of money taken from numbers purchased For parish funds	£1970.40
40% of money taken from 135 numbers purchased for Prize money	£1296
40% of money taken from 2 numbers purchased @ £22	£17.60
40% of all prize money for year	£1313.60
Profit for Bourne and Deeping Parish Church	£1970.40
Donations from winners back to parish general fund	£115.90
Donations from winners back to parish flower funds	£193.70
Total amount of profit for parish funds	<b>£2280</b>
Equivalent amount of profit per week	<b>£43.85</b>
Total numbers purchased from Bourne parishioners	96
Total numbers purchased from Deeping parishioners	41
Total numbers purchased from parish	137

This is the first full year under my control. I have totally enjoyed working for you, and seen this project grow with you to what it is today. Numbers purchased increased from 58 to 137, excellent support from both sets of parishioners supporting their church fund and running costs of the parish. We had 9 parishioners who did not renew their numbers for 2023-2024. Since I volunteered to operate the 100 club the numbers have increase by 79.

Please congratulate yourselves and give yourselves a massive pat on the back, for making it what it is today, as we always say, nothing is taken for granted.

Once again, a massive thank you for your loyalty and custom in these very difficult times. It is never taken for granted and is truly appreciated.

May God Bless you for joining and supporting your parish needs

Peter Taylor November 2024

**Subscriptions still available for this year.**

## Reflections for Advent Week One - Hope

This [liturgical year](#), the Season of Advent begins with a strong message. It is easy to be filled with fear with the images of destruction in the world. Yet Advent is a time of joy, anticipation, and a time to be ready and stand tall since our salvation is near. In the Gospel according to St. Luke, Jesus recommends praying to have the strength to deal with the tribulations and challenges of life.

How do we build our strength? I believe, by listening openly to the Scriptures, to mentors, spiritual guides and friends, and acting justly with hope and determination. I recall the wisdom a sister once shared with me during my formative years in religious life. She said, "If you can trust that God will always give you what you need when you need it, not what you want when you want it, you will do well in this life." This is a message I have kept in my heart to give me courage during difficult times.

It is not easy to be vigilant and to pray during rough times, but God assures us that we should not be afraid. I recently discovered that the phrase "do not be afraid" appears 365 times in the Bible. That is a very hopeful message we can recall every day of the year!

**Sister Verónica A. Fajardo, CSC** (*taken from the advent reflections of the sisters of the Holy Cross*) [www.cscsisters.org/2024-advent-reflection](http://www.cscsisters.org/2024-advent-reflection)

**Cafod** are offering an online advent calendar of daily prayer and reflection, to join sign up on their website.

<https://cafod.org.uk/pray/advent-calendar>

**Amen** – the free Catholic app and **Hallow** the American app have also put together a series of prayers and thoughts for this Advent season.

## Morton House

A brilliant time was had at Morton House last Sunday. A massive thank you to Theresa and Graham Wheatley for their generosity and making us so welcome. We raised £740.

Thanks to all who supported this event"